

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants assert that the bend radius guide mounted to the drawer is supported in the specification. For example, the description of Figures 4 and 5 on page 3 references bend radius guides 150 mounted to drawer 120. Thus, the specification supports this claim language.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 5 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Mayer. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the following reasons.

Claim 1 recites "a first side and second side joined to a top and a bottom to define said enclosure; a sliding drawer positioned in said enclosure and sliding relative to said enclosure; a fiber slack manager mounted to said first side and positioned within said enclosure." In Mayer, the arm 100 is mounted external to enclosure 106. Further, enclosure 106 lacks a sliding drawer. In applying Mayer, the Examiner considered enclosure 106 the sliding drawing. The amendment to claim 1 prevents this interpretation. Thus, Mayer lacks the sliding drawer and a fiber slack manager within enclosure 106.

For the above reasons claim 1 is patentable over Mayer. Claims 2, 3, 5 and 13 depend from claim 1 and are patentable over Mayer for at least the reasons advanced with respect to claim 1.

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Mayer in view of ordinary skill in the art. Claim 4 is patentable over Mayer for at least the reasons advanced with respect to claim 1.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is requested.

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